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Anti-Fidel Plotter Has Alibi: Jail

Cuban exile friends of Luis Toruella Rivero, accused yesterday by Fidel Castro as the ringleader of a plot to assassinate him, reported today that Toruella has been in jail in Cuba since June 8.

Castro claimed Toruella had returned clandestinely to Cuba recently to direct the plot. He charged the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the plan.

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One of Toruella's close associates in Miami said Toruella was arrested by Castro forces in Santiago in June and had remained in custody since.

"Castro is simply trying to involve Toruella in a false plot so that he can get rid of him via execution," the friend here said.

Toruella is an economist, educated in the United States. He formerly was employed by an American investment firm in Havana. His American wife and 5-year-old daughter now live in Boston.

Cuban exiles in New York planned to picket the United Nations this afternoon in behalf of his friend here said.